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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI
SOCIAL SERVICES

5862 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

As we continue to grow and develop our final plan, we currently plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Direct payment assistance for essential workers as identified by the TLA.
- Copay/Tuition payments for essential workers to decrease the burden on those working families
- Direct payments for families to maintain slots if required

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Provider assistance for PPE
- Potential Provider assistance for facility reorganization to follow CDC guidelines
 1. Materials and supplies
 2. Social distancing measures, when applicable
 3. Implementation-publish, post, etc

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- PPE not covered in previous category
- Assistance for increased expense but decreased participants
 1. Supplies
 2. Workforce

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- PPE
- Cleaning supplies
- Utilize the daycare provider find in our service area

5. Other

- Admin cost will be looked at given the increase in determinations and processes.
 1. TLA pay
 2. Supplies

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Should you need anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me at mark.pompey@pokagonband-nsn.gov or 269-462-4277.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mark Pompey
Director of Social Services
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

cc: Gena L. Miller, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region V